

The Poet as Landscape: A Portrait of A.M. Klein Today

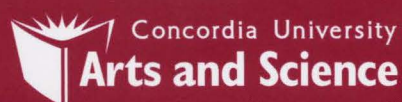
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International Conference 18 – 20 October 2007

Conference Location: Concordia University,
Hall Building, Room 765 (7th Floor)
1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal, Canada

Co-organized by Professor Norman Ravvin, Chair of the Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies,
Professor Sherry Simon, Études françaises, and Professor Jason Camlot, English Department, Concordia University

A.M. Klein (1909-1972) is increasingly recognized as a writer whose engagement with language and history speaks powerfully to the issues of the contemporary world. As a poet and novelist, as a Jewish community leader and North American observer of European anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, his influence was far-reaching. Klein's life among languages found an apt setting in the neighbourhood of Mile End in Montreal, between the traditionally English-speaking West end and the Francophone East end. The linguistic and architectural hybridity of his immigrant neighbourhood confirmed his identity as a citizen of the Jewish diaspora in North America.



Conference Presentations
9a.m. H-765, 19th & 20th October

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, 18th October, 7:00p.m. H-765

KLEIN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Welcome by Colman and Sandor Klein

Opening Night Keynote by Zailig Pollock,
Trent University

Panel Discussants include:

Robert Melançon, Université de Montréal

Elizabeth Popham, Trent University

Brian Trehearne, McGill University

Reception and Book Launch

*New Readings of Yiddish Montreal / Traduire le
Montréal Yiddish*

Edited by Pierre Anctil • Norman Ravvin •
Sherry Simon

INSCRIPTION

L'entrée est libre et sans frais, mais l'inscription
est recommandée afin de réserver votre place. La
formule est téléchargeable
au: www.concordia.ca/jchair
ou téléphoner au: (514) 848-2424, ext. 8760.
Plusieurs présentations se donneront en français.

Friday, 19th October, 7 p.m. H-765
Film Screening

A.M. Klein: The Poet as Landscape.

Introduction and Q&A with director and
producer David Kaufman

Saturday, 20th October, 7p.m. H-765

A.M. KLEIN TODAY: A POETRY READING

Literary evening devoted to the work
of A.M. Klein.

Hosted by poet and professor Jason Camlot
and featuring readings by:

Marie Frankland

David McGimpsey

Robyn Sarah

David Solway

Carmine Starnino

Presentation of A.M. Klein photographs from the archives
at the Jewish Public Library.

REGISTRATION

This is a free event, however registration is
recommended to reserve a seat.
Registration forms are downloadable from
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CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Pierre Anctil, Université d'Ottawa

Richard Cavell, University of British Columbia

Marie Frankland, Université de Montréal

Bina Toledo Freiwald, Concordia University

Heike Harting, Université de Montréal

Dean Irvine, Dalhousie University

Lawrence Kaplan, McGill University

Reinhold Kramer, Brandon University

David Leahy, Concordia University

Catherine Leclerc, McGill University

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Jason Lee Wiens, University of Calgary

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